

# Illuminate the Rock

## Rotary Club 99: Tuesday, August 30, 2022

### About the Program:

According to the Arkansas Department of Transportation's website, the 30 Crossing "project proposes to enhance one of the most traveled roads in Arkansas. When complete, the improvements will enhance the transportation connection through central Arkansas, increase capacity, and improve traveler safety." But what to do with the 20-acre open space that will remain once the construction concludes? StudioMAIN's Envision 30-Crossing Design Competition seeks to highlight the possibility for positive change through visionary ideas it says can "influence, or effect, the future design of how our city responds to the highway."

Cromwell architect Chris East of StudioMAIN will join architects and fellow StudioMAIN board members Nikki Crane (Polk Stanley Wilcox Design), Heather Davis (AMR Architects Inc.), and James Meyer (TAGGART Architects) to present winning ideas from the competition. Additionally, the designers will discuss the public and private cooperation needed to turn their ideas into reality. The competition was open to the public from all backgrounds, including students, designers, artists, and other creatives who want to shape the future of downtown Little Rock.

Please join us early Tuesday to view many of these concepts on display outside the Clinton Center Great Hall and to learn how our club can be part of a winning solution for downtown Little Rock.



### Envision 30-Crossing Design Competition Speakers and Bio Links (L to R, top to bottom):

Public Establishing Connections: Chris East, Cromwell Architects Engineers - <https://cromwell.com/project/chris-east-2>

Public Choice Placemaking: Nikki Crane, Polk Stanley Wilcox Design - <https://www.linkedin.com/in/nikki-crane-273a4b13b/>

Public Wildcard: Heather Davis, AMR Architects, Inc. - <https://www.amr-architects.com/our-team/heather-davis>

Jury Professional Winner: James Meyer, TAGGART Architects - <http://www.taggarch.com/our-people/james-meyer/>

**Did You Miss Annae' and Manon, our 2022 Ottenheimer IYP Participants?**



**Merci Beaucoup!**

Our 2022 Ottenheimer International Youth Program (OIYP) participants, Annae' Bosson and Manon Brulefert, began their fun presentation with "Good afternoon, y'all! We're **fixin'** to do our presentation." They preceded in a more comfortable dialect.

We learned a lot about their home country of France, along with a few local tips on visiting Paris, the city of Orleans and the Loire River Valley region. We also heard about their sponsoring Rotary Club of Orleans, with its forty-five members ranging in ages from 45 to 90. A member of RI District 1750, the club meets weekly with service objectives focused on young people. They have a strong mentoring program and assisted with health concerns during peak COVID-19 times. They even have a reading program for students struggling with literacy issues. Sound familiar? They invited the audience to guess the number of castles along the Loire River Valley that flows through Orleans. Do you think it was 30, 300, or even 3,000? Yep, it's more than 3,000! And that's just one part of France, a country filled with thousands of castles. As Annae' and Manon noted, they are not the first visitors here supported by the Rotary Club of Orleans, and hopefully, they will not be the last!

They characterized America before and after their visit. They "thought they would like America, but now they know they love it." They said it feels like we live in a movie! Surprised by the beauty of member's homes, our neighborhoods and the Natural State landscape, they were surprised at how much they liked the food and the openness of their conversations with Arkansans. They really enjoyed their visit with Governor Asa Hutchinson too.

France was chosen this year as a natural tie-in for the tricentennial of our region's namesake founding through French explorer Benard de la Harpe's expedition up the Arkansas River in 1722. A special thanks to co-chairs Cindy VanVeckhoven and T. Martin Davis and their committee for making Annae' and Manon's visit to Arkansas so special. Established by Club 99 member and philanthropist Gus Ottenheimer in 1948, the committee will mark the program's 75th anniversary in 2023. Check out the a video of the meeting: [https://youtu.be/5q9Tzj\\_HYGO](https://youtu.be/5q9Tzj_HYGO)

Please make plans to bid "au revoir" to our new friends from France at a Farewell Reception hosted by Mary and Ed Levy on Friday, August 26 (more details below).

**Seven Straight Weeks!**



Molly McNulty and her membership recruitment team kept a seven-week streak alive by introducing Chad Brown as this year's 17th new member! Chad serves as vice president of private investments for the Circumference Group and is sponsored by Lisa Ferrell and Jim Jackson. Lisa and Jim were taking their son to school on Tuesday but graciously allowed Chad's introduction to happen. (Thank you, Lisa and Jim.) And welcome to Club 99, Chad!

As always, we look forward to seeing you on Tuesdays at the Center Clinton!

- Denver Peacock

## New Category of Membership Available

### SPOUSAL MEMBERSHIP

Rotary Club of Little Rock

In order to help strengthen active members' ties to Club 99, your board of directors approved a new SPOUSAL MEMBERSHIP category that allows for an active member's spouse or domestic partner to join the club.

#### Application Fee:

\$250.00; The application fee is waived if you are a transferring Rotarian from another Rotary club or are a former member of this club asking to be reinstated.

#### Club Dues:

\$125 quarterly and must be pre-paid. An obligation to pay dues continues until a member formally resigns.

#### Meals at Weekly Meetings:

\$25 per meal, paid when attending a meeting (pre-payment is not required).

#### Guests of Spousal Members at Weekly Lunches:

Members may bring guests to the club and pay for their meals at a rate of \$25 per meal.

#### Membership Criteria:

Any Rotary Club of Little Rock active member's spouse or domestic partner living in the same household would pay half-price dues, paid quarterly, for the spousal member. The active member would continue to pay full-price dues and lunch fees quarterly.

Spousal members must go through the standard membership committee and Board of Directors approval process. Spousal members are ineligible to serve on the Board of Directors at the same time as their active member. Should the spousal member's sponsor leave the club, the spousal member shall either become a full-paying dues member, including paying the difference in the original application fee, or terminate their club membership.

## Club 99 Social: OIYP Farewell Cookout Party for Annae' and Manon / Hosted by Mary and Ed Levy

Please join us for our second social event of the Rotary year!

#### What:

- Rotary OIYP Cookout Party on the Arkansas River for Annae' and Manon
- Hamburgers and hot dogs will be provided; bring your own adult beverages, swimsuits (if you want to swim in the pool, not the river), and fishing poles (if you want to fish)

#### When:

Friday, August 26 from 6 to 9 p.m.

#### Where:

The Levy House (Mary & Club 99er Ed Levy), 12712 County Farm Rd., Little Rock, AR 72223; Questions? Contact Ed at 501-960-6145.

#### Who:

- Rotarians and immediate family are invited
- Any other Arkansans who have met Manon and Annae'
- OIYP Committee

#### Why:

- To wish Manon and Annae' "bon voyage" (They will be departing Sunday, August 28 for Washington, D.C.)
- To see other Rotarians and spend quality time together
- To have fun and enjoy a beautiful sunset (see photo below)



We look forward to thanking the Ottenheimer committee, especially T. Martin Davis and Cindy VanVeckhoven, for the great job they have done putting this year's program together.

RSVP: [link]

We look forward to seeing you on Friday, August 26!

Ed Levy

### And Next Up on the Club 99 Social Calendar...

We are preparing for Rotary's big night out on September 27, 2022 - Club 99 Dinner Parties. Event chair Ellon Cockrill is in the process of securing homes. This evening event will replace our regular Tuesday luncheon for the day. Help us out with planning by letting us know you will participate: [RSVP link]



## SAVE THE DATE

### Club 99 Dinner Parties

*Small dinner gatherings hosted by members*

## Tuesday, September 27, 2022

### Evening Event | No Noon Meeting

## Upcoming Programs

### August 2022

30 Envision 30-Crossing Design Competition Winners

### September 2022

- 6 Superintendent Dr. Jermall Wright, Little Rock School District
- 13 Showtime's The Circus Contributors Mark McKinnon & Jennifer Palmieri
- 20 Commissioner Greg Sankey, Southeastern Conference
- 27 Club 99 Dinner Parties (evening event replacing Tuesday noon meeting)

### October 2022

- 4 CEO Claire Babineaux-Fontenot, Feeding America
- 11 Annual Little Rock Fire Awards Presentation
- 18 District Governor David Menz, Rotary International District 6150
- 25 Author Sam Quinones, *Dreamland* and *Least of Us*
- 27 District 6150 Foundation Banquet featuring Club 99 Farmers Feed the Children project in Romania (with partners Ovidu Spinu and Viorel Bunea from Cluj-Napoca Romania) (evening social)

## Zoom Login for August 30, 2022

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86376916626?pwd=VUVjeWZBTElhZnJlM1RVdUFESFIMUT09>

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